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Mr. J. B. Adams

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SUBJECT: HOUSTUDY -

1 - Mr. Mintz - Enc.

1 - Mr. Wannall - Enc.

1 - Mr. Cregar - Enc.

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1 - Mr. Hotis - Enc.

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By letter dated 10/28/75 addressed to Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination in the Department (copy attached), captioned Committee requested that SAs William Tucker and Terry O'Connor be made available for Staff interview concerning their dealings with Earl Robert Merritt, Jr. Merritt has been identified as a Bureau informant in the past.

On 10/29/75, SA Paul V. Daly of this Division telephonically contacted Steven Blackhurst, Assistant Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination in the Department, and advised him the topic of the aforementioned interview of SAs Tucker and Of Connor was currently in litigation and that the litigation was being handled by Benjamin Flannagan of the Department. This suit involved the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D. C. It was also pointed out that previously the Department had indicated they would furnish legal representation in instances where the topic of interview by Congressional committee members was in civil litigation. Blackhurst acknowledged this and stated he would contact Flannagan of the Department in an attempt to make arrangements for legal representation to be available.

In view of the House Select Committee request, the employment agreement and the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations for both SAs Tucker and O'Connor should be waived for purposes of this interview. Blackhurst advised the Department was waiving the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations for purposes of this interview.

Enclosure

1 - Personnel File - William Tucker

1 - Personnel File - Terry O'Connor

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Legal Counsel to Mr. Adams RE: HOUSTUDY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That existing employment agreements be waived for SAs Tucker and O'Connor for purposes of interview.
- (2) That the Agents will be advised by the Office of Congressional Affairs of the Committee's request for interviews and the arrangements made for the interview as soon as the determination for legal representation is made by the Department.

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Select Committee on Intelligence U.S. Pouse of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

28 October 1975

Mr. Michael Shaheen Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

Further to our investigation of the F.B.I. please arrange for interviews by our staff of Special Agents William Tucker and Terry O'Connor, at the Committee offices, for any time convenient to the agents during the week of November 3, 1975.

The interviews will be under oath and transcribed, and will be concerned with the agents' dealings with one Earl Robert Merritt, Jr. It is suggested that they be represented by counsel, for their own protection.

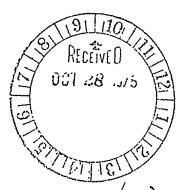
Please call immediately if there is any problem concerning this request.

Sincerely,

A. Searle Field Staff Director

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FROM: Steve Blackhurst

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SUBJECT: House Select Committee Letter dated October 20

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Select Committee on Intelligence U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

October 20, 1975

Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

We hereby request a briefing between members of our staff and Mr. William V. Cleveland, Assistant Director in charge of the Special Investigative Division and the Chief of the Organized Crime Section of the Special Investigative Division of the FBI, at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A. Searle Field Staff Director

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John A. Mintz, Assistant Director Legal Counsel Division

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FROM: Steve Blackhurst

Assistant Special Counsel fb/r SB Intelligence Coordination

SUBJECT: House Select Committee Letter dated October 20, 1975

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October 20, 1975

Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

We hereby request access to all notes, memoranda, files, reports, and actions directed toward Mr. John Kerry, former head of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War from 1971 to the present.

In addition, we request access to the same materials for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War for the same time period.

Please provide these materials forthwith.

Sincerely,

A. Searle Field Staff Director

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UNITED STATES HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (HSC)

Reference is made to letters from the HSC dated October 20, 1975, and October 28, 1975, requesting certain information from the FBI.

Attached for your approval and forwarding to the HSC is the original of a memorandum containing a response to one of the Committee's requests.

A copy of the memorandum is being provided for your records.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Special Counsel for

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UNITED STATES HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (HSC)

RE: INFORMATION CONCERNING JOHN KERRY

Reference is made to letters from captioned Committee dated October 20, 1975, and October 28, 1975, (Item #5). Letter dated October 20, 1975, specifically requested access to all notes, memoranda, files, reports, and actions directed toward Mr. John Kerry, former head of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, from 1971 to the present. The October 28, 1975, letter reiterated the October 20, 1975, request.

Pertinent information responsive to the above HSC request has been prepared in accordance with established procedures relating to such matters, and this material is available for review at FBI Headquarters by appropriately cleared personnel of the HSC staff.

1 - The Attorney General

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NOTE:

In addition to the above-mentioned request, the HSC requested access to the same type of materials as men
Assoc. Dir. __tioned above for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, from Dep. AD Adm. 1971 to the present. This request is being handled by Dep. AD Inv. Separate communication since it involves the reviewing of Admin. ___73 volumes.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

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Enclosed for your approval and forwarding to the SSC and HSC are two original memoranda, designated for the SSC and HSC respectively, which effect transmittal of a jurisdiction study, dated October 28, 1975, entitled An Amelysis of FBI comments Security Intelligence Investigations; Authority, Official Actitudes, and Activities in Historic Perspective.

A copy of this study was furnished to you by my letter, dated Revember 3, 1975, captioned FBT Aurisdiction in the Intelligence Field, which also emplosed a copy for the White House.

This study is being furnished to the SSC and MSC in line with their prior requests for all memoranda concerning the legal authority of the FBI to conduct security investigations.

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1 - The Reputy Attorney Coneral Attention: Michael F. Shebeen, Jr.

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November 5, 1975

U. S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (HSC)

FBI JURISDICTION IN THE RE: INTELLIGENCE FIELD

The purpose of this memorandum is to effect delivery of a jurisdiction study, dated October 28, 1975, entitled "An Analysis of FBI Domestic Security Intelligence Investigations; Authority, Official Attitudes, and Activities in Historic Perspective."

This study is being furnished in line with your prior request for information concerning the authority of the FBI to conduct security investigations.

1 - The Attorney General

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NOTE:

Study, entitled "An Analysis of FBI Domestic Security Intelligence Investigations; Authority, Official Attitudes, and Activities in Historic Perspective," prepared by INTD, IS-3 Section, and sent to Department by letter Assoc. Dir. __ dated 11/3/75.

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Memorandum

Mr. W. R. Wannall War

: Mr. R. L. Shackelford

SUBJECT: U. S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE (HSC)

1 - Mr. J.B. Adams

2 - Mr. J.A. Mintz (1-Mr. Hotis)

1 - Mr. W.R. Wannall DATE: 11/7/75

1 - Mr. R.L. Shackelford

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PURPOSE:

To recommend that Legal Counsel Division consult with the Department to seek guidance as to the manner in which the Bureau should respond to HSC requests for materials in Bureau files relating to organizations and individuals currently involved in civil litigation with the Bureau, and to ascertain how Bureau personnel should respond to similar inquiries while giving testimony in either Executive or public sessions.

DETAILS:

In September and October, 1975, the HSC requested, among other items, information from Bureau files concerning a number of individuals associated with the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and information from the file on the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), as well as the file of former Bureau informant Earl Robert Merritt, Jr.

On 11/5/75, Bureau representatives Mr. W. R. Wannall, Mr. R. L. Shackelford, and Mr. D. Ryan furnished depositions to the HSC concerning numerous matters including Bureau investigations of 5 individuals affiliated with the SWP and this Bureau's investigation of the IPS. HSC representatives indicated at that time, that these topics will be the subject of testimony scheduled for public session 11/18/75. With regard to HSC inquiries concerning the 5 SWP individuals, the thrust of the inquiries centered around this Bureau's authority to investigate the SWP and its members, which is one of the main issues to be resolved in a pending civil suit which the SWP has brought against the Bureau. regard to the IPS, HSC inquiries centered around this Bureau's authority to investigate this organization, as well as public charges made against this Bureau by

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall Re: U. S. House Select Committee On Intelligence (HSC)

Earl Robert Merritt, Jr., a former Bureau informant who furnished information concerning the IPS. Charges by Merritt have been publicly refuted by this Bureau. is noted that the IPS is also currently involved in civil litigation with this Bureau charging illegal wiretapping and breaking and entering.

Additionally, on 11/5/75, 2 Bureau Agents, against whom Merritt has levied his unfounded charges, were deposed by HSC members at which time the Agents were accompanied by the Departmental Attorney who is handling this litigation.

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the pending HSC request for material relating to IPS, as well as information pertaining to Earl Robert Merritt, Jr., who is to be a principal witness in the IPS civil litigation, and because the HSC representatives have indicated that the questioning of Bureau officials scheduled for the HSC public hearing on 11/18/75 will involve matters directly related to the Government's actions in the defense of the civil suits regarding both the IPS and SWP, it is felt that Departmental advice should be sought prior to this Bureau responding to or engaging in further response to the HSC in these areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Legal Counsel Division consult with the Department to obtain advice as to how the Bureau should respond to HSC requests for materials concerning IPS and Merritt, and advise the Intelligence Division by memorandum of the results.

2) Legal Counsel Division should determine from the Department, the parameters to which Bureau representatives should confine their testimony in either Executive or public sessions concerning IPS and SWP and advise, the Intelligence Division by memorandum.